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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

**FELON SENTENCED TO OVER 8 YEARS  
FOR POSSESSION OF A HANDGUN**

**PRESS RELEASE**

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that PHILLIP SULLIVAN, 22, Indianapolis, Indiana, was sentenced to 8 years and 4 months imprisonment today by U.S. District Judge John Daniel Tinder, following his guilty plea to the unlawful possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Judge Tinder also imposed a term of supervised release following SULLIVAN's imprisonment and fined SULLIVAN in the amount of \$500. This case was the result of a investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms, and the Indianapolis Police Department.

On May 3, 2002, Indianapolis police officers were dispatched to the Campus Apartments located at 729 W. 11<sup>th</sup> Street in Indianapolis, Indiana, in response to a report of a disturbance involving a gun. SULLIVAN was arrested shortly thereafter in the vicinity of 800

West 16<sup>th</sup> Street with a stolen .380 caliber handgun in his possession. SULLIVAN had previously been convicted of the felony offenses of Criminal Recklessness and Battery,

According to James P. Hanlon, who prosecuted the case for the government, this case was prosecuted as part of the Department of Justice's Project Safe Neighborhoods Program.

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